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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 160.276, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 160.276, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 160.276, to read as follows:

160.276. 1. Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefor, the

- 2 department of elementary and secondary education shall make one-year,
- 3 nonrenewable scholarships in an amount of one thousand dollars available to
- 4 high school graduates and junior and community college students who are
- 5 residents of Missouri, who enter and make a commitment to pursue a teacher
- 6 education program approved by the department of elementary and secondary
- 7 education and offered by a four-year college or university located in Missouri, and
- 8 who have:
- 9 (1) Achieved scores on an accepted standardized test of academic ability,
- 10 including, but not limited to, the SAT, ACT, SCAT, which place them at or above
- 11 the eighty-fifth percentile; or
- 12 (2) A high school rank at or above the eighty-fifth percentile.
- 13 2. Any college or university located in Missouri which offers a teacher
- 14 education program approved by the department of elementary and secondary
- 15 education, and wishes to have the scholarships provided pursuant to this section
- 16 made available to eligible applicants for admittance to such college or university,
- 17 [must] shall provide matching funds to match, dollar for dollar, the funds made
- 18 available by the state under this section for students attending the college or
- 19 university. Such matching funds shall not be taken from money made available

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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20 to the college or university from state funds. The total scholarship available to

21 any one student from state and from college and university sources under such

22 match program shall be two thousand dollars.

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